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Nearly 60 countries are represented through students on Wartburg's campus. The week highlights their different backgrounds and heritage. — **Rochelle Beardsley** /*TRUMPET*

# Culture Week highlights diversity

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Students will embrace their heritage with nearly 60 countries represented during Wartburg's annual Culture Week.

The theme for this year's Culture Show, #WeAreWartburg, follows suit with MLK week earlier this year.

Helen Leong, director of international student services, said Culture Week gives students the opportunity to share who they are with their classmates.

"When trying to come up with events, the international executive team and I think about what will be reflective of student interests," Leong said.

The celebration of culture began on Sunday with Coffee and Teas from Around the World in the Vogel Library. Students were able to enjoy beverages from countries across the globe.

Monday night, students are invited to an international cooking demonstration at the faculty-in-resident apartment in Clinton Hall. The first of its kind, Ashley McHose will be helping students prepare a variety of international dishes.

A faculty panel focusing on effective intercultural communication will take place on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Whitehouse Business Center room 214.

Students, along with the public, are invited to listen to Brett Billet, professor of political science and coordinator of international relations, Shaheen Munir, professor of psychology and Joyce Boss, professor of English and co-director of multicultural and diversity studies discuss this issue.

Alejandro Salazar, the events coordinator for I-club, said the goal of the panel is to help people be more open minded.

Salazar said it helps people understand each other better, whether people are international or not.

"Because of the present issues, it is a nice event to attend. It is good to get out of the bubble that we have and to just take time to think that there is more out there," Salazar said.

Salazar said he thinks it is important for students to be involved.

"We all belong to this place. I feel like we all should feel responsible to be present," Salazar said.

Culture Week ends with the Culture Show, which takes place on Friday in Neumann Auditorium, starting at 8 p.m.

Students are encouraged to make a one dollar donation to help fund the I-club and its future activities.

"The show is a culmination of our week and events," Leong said.

"The background of the student really isn't a determining factor for who gets to perform. It is really just students who are engaged, excited, and interested in performing for the show," she said.

For the show to run smoothly, Leong said the organizers must work closely with Neumann crew and performers.

"Our Neumann crew always does a fantastic job of helping us pull everything together," Leong said.

Leong said she likes to think each aspect of culture week is an act of intercultural communication, working together and being part of the Wartburg community.

Salazar estimates there are at least 90 people assisting with the production of Culture Week in some way.

He said they did face some issues to achieve all of the organization's goals.

Salazar said it can be hard to balance people's schedules with meetings and rehearsals and I-club found difficulty when trying to cover the costs of the events, but they have worked through it.

"I love working with people and pulling off events. The number of people planning to attend the show has increased since last year, so we really want people to appreciate what we are doing," Salazar said.

Salazar said people should realize the importance of the show.

"It is really hard for us to be away from where we are from," Salazar said.

"We want to show the Wartburg community what we do and where we are from."

Leong said one thing she always hears is that the students involved in the show and activities wish more people were there.

"The students really want the opportunity to share a little bit about who they are with their classmates, faculty members, and advisors," Leong said.

Salazar is hopeful in the coming years other organizations will team up with I-club.

**For a full list of the week's events, visit wartburgtrumpet.com**

# Red Wing and Vander Plaats present despite weather conditions

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Despite bad weather conditions the "Civil Dialogue Among Opposing Views" still took place last week.

Donna Red Wing and Bob Vander Plaats were able to be present via Skype in.

The event focused on how to have constructive dialogue with people of opposing views.

Red Wing, a longtime activist for equality and justice for the LGBT community and Vander Plaats, president and CEO of The Family Leadership are friends.

The two developed a strong friendship despite their viewpoints. They learned they shared a common concern about child trafficking in Iowa and immigration.

Red Wing and Vander Plaats also said they had a strong passion for civil dialogue.

Red Wing and Vander Plaats explained how civil discussion is possible among those who disagree.

"Leadership is willing to have a tough conversation," Vander Plaats said.

When the dialogue was open to questions, past Wartburg president Dr. William Hamm asked how people are able to find humanity in people who may not have the same views as they do.

*"It's a model I think we all can learn from,"*

*— Dr. William Hamm*

Red Wing said she did not know if it was possible and Vander Plaats added it is hard to have a trustworthy conversation with people you cannot trust.

"How do you go about creating safe environments for these conversations so they don't become destructive?" another person asked during the panel.

Red Wing explained how when she and Vander Plaats first met they chose a public place to meet and were prepared for anything to happen.

"After the first time we met, we knew there would be others," Red Wing said.

"Let's call ourselves to a higher standard, be willing to have disbeliefs, but do it in a civil way to honor the other person," Vander Plaats encouraged the attendees.

The program was hosted by Emily Laudner who expressed concern about discourse last semester after the elections.

"Despite the weather, I think it went well and they did a good job in addressing how they met and how they found common ground," Laudner said.

Laudner said she wished more people would have attended, as her goal was to break down barriers and get rid of hate.

"Even though we have disagreement on things, we have developed a very strong friendship," Vander Plaats said.

"I genuinely love Donna, I would take a bullet for her. When you can disagree without being disagreeable you can have civil dialogue.

Donna Red Wing and Bob Vander Plaats spoke via Skype to students about how to stay civil with others although the might have opposing views. — **Rochelle Beardsley** /*TRUMPET*

"Then you can find out who a person is. I am not going to hate Bob and I am not going to cut him out of my life because we disagree on some very profound things," Red Wing said.

Hamm said seeing two people who were tired of hate in the country joining forces for something they care about was interesting.He said the two overcoming their opposing viewpoints was inspiring to him and hopes it did the same for others.

"Over time, they have become friends while still having serious disagreements. It's a model we all can learn from, I think. I found it fascinating," Hamm said.

# New choir on campus

Rosenchor is an all-female group new to Wartburg's campus. They have been learning new songs for their performances in the Cedar Valley — **Submitted photo**

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A new choir has been created on campus.

Rosenchor, which means rose choir in German, is a small chorale group of 12 women who are all members of the St. Elizabeth Chorale.

Dr. Karen Black, St. Elizabeth Chorale director, wanted to form the group because it provided new opportunities for some of her singers.

"The smaller group can do some interesting literature that the larger group cannot do," Black said.

"Either because it's not appropriate for a large group or because we don't have the time to learn it."

Black also said it lets students have leadership roles as well.

Andrea Weiss was elected president of Rosenchor and also influenced the decision to form the group.

Weiss said the St. Elizabeth Chorale typically has fairly short concerts, so she thought adding a small ensemble would help lengthen their concerts. She took her idea to Black, who encouraged her to start the group at the beginning of the winter semester.

Weiss said they are currently in the process of becoming an official student organization.

"Our goal for the rest of the year is to build off our repertoire," she said.

"We only know a few songs because we're new, so we just want to learn as many songs as we can. We also want to establish a name for ourselves on campus."

Members of the choir had to audition for a spot in Rosenchor. Black said she selected the women with the help of Dr. Lee Nelson. She said around 20 women auditioned and she chose 12.

Black hopes Rosenchor will remain as a subset of St. Elizabeth's to help fill out the program.

"There's at least one piece that St. Elizabeth's is doing where there's a section for a small ensemble to do. So Rosenchor is doing that," she said.

"Beyond that, it's really what the students want to make of it."

Weiss said for now the group is setting their foundation for the upcoming years. They've been picking out music, setting a dress code and writing a constitution.

She's also been scheduling performances for the year and making contacts in the community.

Black said she is excited to see how the group grows.

They started rehearsals in February and Black was impressed with their progress.

"I was really pleased with what they accomplished in a very short amount of time. They're clearly hard working and committed to the musical excellence of the group," Black said.

# Getting around the cost of college

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Students like Farai Gandiya have on-campus jobs to help them with the cost of college. — **Mitch Williams**/*TRUMPET*

Presidents at 30 of America's top colleges say they're missing out on some of the best and brightest students; those from low-income families, according to a recent article by CNN.

Jennifer Sassman, director of financial aid, said Wartburg follows an award matrix for every student. This matrix takes into consideration students' merit and need level.

We'll award them with a percent of their need from us institutionally plus there are federal and state grants," Sassman said.

Lowering the cost of college with financial aid, student awareness of jobs and other sources of income are ways to increase enrollment of low-income students, according to the article by CNN.

Sassman said students should go over their financial plan prior to college. She said Wartburg has a lot of help available for those in need of assistance.

"We would invite them to have these conversations with us, we want to be a resource, we want to help," Sassman said.

Farai Gandiya, a computer science major, said with the scholarships he received, there will not be a lot of debt to pay off after college.

"Wartburg was very efficient, the application was quick and they responded to any questions I had immediately," Gandiya said.

Jasmine Moore, an English major, said despite all the scholarships she received, there is still a lot to pay off.

She said there is a big gap between the scholarships she received and the amount she owes to Wartburg. With the tuition increases the past few years, Moore said keeping up with payments is tough.

"There are some students with more money than others. I had a friend who was here for a semester but she had to leave because she could not make it here," Moore said. "Wartburg is not cheap."

Sassman said Wartburg has students from a variety of financial backgrounds. She said students should take advantage of paying off debt early in their college careers.

Sassman said finding a job would be beneficial for students in the long run.

"Plan ahead, take time to look for scholarships, maybe a job somewhere around the area would help as well," Gandiya said. "Any way to save money is a good feeling."

## Faculty & Staff Spotlight

**Thomas Payne**, Professor of Art

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A man with glasses paces the front of his classroom analyzing his students' work.

He stops in his tracks, then lets out a sound of surprise as he stares at a project.

A student in the room replies, "Yeah, I don't know what happened."

The man smiles, then chuckles.

"I do," he says.

Professor of Art Thomas Payne has been teaching at Wartburg College for 24 years. At 60 years old, he said he has come to know many programs and ways to help students make their work better.

"You have to relearn everything [computer programs and technology] about every five to ten years because everything changes so much," he said.

He said the biggest change he has seen is in the last ten years, with design students needing to know less about developing a website.

He said this is due to programs making it easier to create websites.

"It's something I know a lot about, but don't seem to use," he said.

Payne said he was hired to start a design program at Wartburg.

Originally from Oklahoma, he spent some time in Detroit suburbs growing up. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and went on to grad school at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

After graduating with his master's and meeting his wife, Payne said he worked as a self-employed photographer, exhibit designer and had some teaching jobs as a visiting professor and adjunct.

Payne moved back to Oklahoma with his wife and son to teach, but decided to keep looking for other jobs.

It was then he applied to Wartburg and received his current job.

Professor of Art Barbara Fedeler said she began working with Payne in 2000 when she started her career at Wartburg.

She said they now teach the capstone class together.

"There is a level of sameness in collaboration and level of coming together that honestly I don't know I've always felt here at Wartburg," Fedeler said.

She said he gives his perspective on design and she gives hers based on the traditional media art component.

Instead of focusing on his own work, Payne said he now focuses on the classes he teaches and how their work is growing.

Student Natalee Hayungs said she likes how each class period is a conversation, not a lecture.

"We discuss what works in our personal designs, what doesn't work, what famous designers produce and how they produce it. He's always encouraging us to think about and apply different perspectives to our work by including the entire class in his critiques," she said.

Julia Ratekin, another student said he holds students to a standard any employer would hold them to, which has helped her learn and be informed about design.

Payne said when he first began at Wartburg, he didn't plan on sticking around and was looking for jobs elsewhere.

"I went, 'huh why am I applying to other jobs? I like it here,'" he said.

Since then, Payne said he has planned to stay at Wartburg until he retires.

"There's no reason to leave," Payne said.

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# Students and faculty prepare for RICE Day

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Wartburg dedicates one day of the year to recognize students and faculty for their achievements.

This day is called RICE (Research, Internship and Creative Endeavor) Day and will be held Tuesday, April 11.

"I think it's really easy to only look at the academic area you're in.

"The sharing of projects during RICE Day adds the diversity and interdisciplinary aspect of the whole affair," Dr. Shawn Ellerbroek, RICE Day committee chair, said.

Academic departments across many academic areas, including Capstone classes, get to show case their work for parents, students and faculty.

There are no classes held on RICE Day, which allows all students to enjoy the day.

Lindsay Tufts is a student who will be participating in Opera Workshop on RICE Day.

She explained the preparation process.

"Preparation includes song rehearsals with our accompanist on Fridays along with stage rehearsals on Sundays to work on movements with the full cast and the accompanist.

"Music has two be memorized, so we have to work on our own time to have the music fully memorized," Tufts said.

Faculty are also involved in the preparation process.

Dr. Amy Nolan is a creative writing professor who has been helping her students, along with the entire English department, prepare for this day.

"I love seeing how happy it makes my students.

"Even though they're nervous initially, it's like a celebration of all the work that they've done.

"It makes me happy for them and their parents to see how much they have learned and grown," Nolan said.

Along with the excitement of the day, there are nerves that come with it.

"I'm worried that I might mess up the words.

"The piece is kind of fast and has a bunch of tongue twisters in it.

"I plan to practice a lot on making sure I can spit the words out correctly," Tufts said.

Since Ellerbroek plays a main role for RICE Day, he will be busy in the days to come and on the day of the events.

Ellerbroek is the director of undergraduate research on campus.

One of Ellerbroek's tasks is to chair the RICE Day committee.

"We collect information from different areas of the college on who wants to host a session to figure out when they want to go, what accommodations they need and which students are presenting.

"We also cover the costs of posters and contact parents of the students presenting.

"Everything you might think of behind the scenes, that's what we do," Ellerbroek said.

Ellerbroek also said Janeen Stewart and Jean Buckingham play important roles, as well.

"Both of those two really, through their roles at the college, are indispensable.

"They make sure the accommodations are made," Ellerbroek said.

RICE Day is a chance for students to show their peers and the Wartburg community the work they've been doing during their time at Wartburg. RICE stands for Research, Internship and Creative Endeavor. **- Marketing & Communications**

For students and faculty, the preparation isn't all about mastering and perfecting their projects. Much of the preparation is to combat nerves and anxieties the students may have.

"I have nine students on the panel this year.

"I tell them to read something that they're really proud of and practice," Nolan said.

"I encourage them to just take deep breaths and enjoy themselves.

"With my Capstone students, I tell them, 'This is your time to really show case what you've done for your projects,'" Nolan said.

To view the complete schedule for this year's RICE Day, visit www.wartburg.edu/rice/.

# Seniors pursue more education

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Many seniors on campus are starting to solidify their plans for after graduation.

For some, more schooling is the path they choose to take.

Blaine Woodson plans on attending Drake Law School this fall for their three-year program.

Before Woodson could apply, he first had to take the law school admissions test.

Even though he has not always known he wanted to go to law school, last May he decided it would be a good fit.

"It will be a good way to further my passion for advocacy work," he said.

Dr. Stephanie Toering-Peters, a biology professor and adviser, said applying for graduate and medical schools can be stressful.

Many graduate and medical schools require multiple interviews and applications to be accepted.

"It's a huge weight off their shoulders after they get in," she said.

Toering-Peters said many Wartburg students going on to medical school usually go to the University of Iowa or Des Moines University.

Toering-Peters said on average about 12 students every year go to medical school.

Another senior, Anna Latcham, is planning on attending graduate school to earn her masters in child life.

Her goal is to become a child life specialist, someone who acts as a liaison between doctors and families.

"They advocate for the child's care and also make sure the child understands what is happening to them," Latcham said.

Anna Latcham found her passion for working with children by working closely with Dance Marathon on campus. - **Submitted photo**

Child life specialists also help with the grieving process if it comes to that point.

Latcham has been accepted to several schools, but she is still deciding between Western Michigan, Iowa and Mizzou.

A big part of earning her degree will be a 500-hour internship before she can take her exam to become a certified child life specialist.

"It feels really good to know I've made it to this point," she said.

"I'm really excited to start taking classes that apply to what I actually want to do," Latcham said.

Before she could start applying for schools, she had to take the Graduate Record Examination.

She said she started applying during the fall of this year.

Latcham said the applications for her program were all different, so it took a while to apply to each school separately.

Latcham said a lot of people have influenced her decision, but Dr. Samantha Larimer, her adviser, helped a lot by talking her through different options for her career.

She was also inspired while she was in Denver over the summer.

"At Wartburg West, the supervisors I had made me want to become a child life specialist," she said.

# Ready for graduation

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As graduation quickly approaches, Wartburg's seniors are preparing to enter the real world.

With the help of campus programs like Grad Finale and Exit Counseling, Wartburg's graduating seniors are able to make the preparations necessary for graduation.

Grad Finale was held last Thursday and Exit Counseling is held throughout the day on Tuesday.

These programs assist students with things such as: organizing their loan payment plans, assuring they have completed their major requirements and making the transition from college to their next step run as smoothly as possible.

"Every day for a college student is preparation for graduation," Sheree Covert, Wartburg's registrar, said.

"Mistakes can be avoided if students are aware of the tools available," Covert said.

Exit counseling is mandatory for all students borrowing federal student loans.

This program helps graduating students manage their payments and take advantage of forgiveness programs.

"If you've been signing on the dotted line for four years… without keeping a running tally of your total balance, this is the perfect time to find out exactly how much you owe and what it looks like," Kim Diercks, a financial aid counselor and loan processor, said.

In order to make things more exciting at each event, prizes were given to students.

At exit counseling, students are assisted with organizing their loans and setting up monthly payments.

Diercks said students can submit their name in a drawing for a chance to win $500 of loan repayment.

While these events are mandatory for students and can become tedious, Diercks encouraged students to pay close attention to the financial process and understand the benefits that come with completing them.

"It's tempting to take a nap during the student loan exit session or to just breeze through it online," Diercks said.

"But there are things worth staying awake to hear about," she said.

Diercks and Covert agreed these two events are vital for the student-to-graduate process and are mostly available in one-stop shops, making it easier on students with busy schedules.

If students have any more question, they can contact their adviser and the Registrar.

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# Softball's own super slugger

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Mara Forsyth exchanges high-fives with the team. After transferring from the University of Northern Iowa, she has been a valuable player and leader on and off the field. —**Marketing & Communication**

Mara Forsyth came to Wartburg in 2015 before the beginning of her sophomore year and instantly became a leader on the Wartburg softball team.

Forsyth transferred from the University of Northern Iowa where she played softball during her freshman year.

She said having two sisters who went to Wartburg helped make the decision easier and she is very happy with her choice.

"We have a coach who is doing great things with this program," Forsyth said.

"It's been an awesome experience. I love my classes here from that perspective as well," she said.

A native of nearby Charles City, Forsyth plays both first and third base for the Knights.

She also serves as the team's cleanup hitter.

After a fantastic start to her Wartburg career, she was selected to the IIAC All-Conference 2nd team last year.

Softball head coach Jamie Mueller was hired around the same time Forsyth decided to transfer to Wartburg.

She said having a player as talented as Forsyth is a great thing for any coach.

Mueller praised Forsyth as a top-notch player, and for her work with the team both on and off the field.

"Mara is a big contributor to this program in many ways. She has great leadership skills and she is our hardest worker," Mueller said.

"Her work ethic is unmatched."

Mueller said one of the reasons for Forsyth's success is her ability to not put too much pressure on herself.

She understands it is alright to have an off day now and then.

Away from softball, Forsyth is very passionate about education and loves working with kids.

She gets a great mix of the two as an elementary education major.

She is also a frequent attendee at other Wartburg sporting events and spends time with her family.

Last year, the softball team made the Iowa Conference Tournament for the first time since 2009 and won their first-round game.

The Knights also took the eventual champion Simpson Storm into extra innings.

Both Mueller and Forsyth are very excited about what this year's team can do.

They only lost one senior the previous year.

The team is preparing for the beginning of conference play which begins April 1.

Forsyth said both she and the team are ready to make even more noise this season.

"When we ended last year's conference tournament, all I could think about was how excited I was for next season," Forsyth said.

"We didn't finish how we wanted to. We are hungry for more and want to do great things."

This past weekend, the softball team added a third victory over Wheaton to their current win streak.

The Knights defeated Wheaton in two games, 2-1 and 9-7.

They ended the week with a record of 10-4.

The Knights will face Coe and Webster this Saturday, and both are home games.

# Baseball battled through tough weekend

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The Wartburg baseball team split its doubleheader with Concordia Chicago this past Sunday.

The Knights fell in the first game 6-10, but were victorious in the final as Samuel Van Fleet had the pinch hit, walk-off single to right field for the 7-6 win.

The Orange and Black will face this same team on Sunday in St. Louis.

The team had two hard fought battles in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Saturday, March 11. They played the University of St. Thomas at the U.S. Bank Stadium.

"We lost a tough one in the first game, 0-1, but we battled through," Ryan Doty, assistant baseball coach, said.

"In game two we played the best full game we've had all season. Our pitcher, Taylor Gilson, had another good outing with us."

"Game one we had the chance to win but didn't hit when we needed to," Doty said.

"Game two was great offensively. We had guys in scoring positions. We pitched well and had good defense."

"We battled at the plate and took advantage of some of the mistakes they made," Doty said.

"As a team I thought we competed well. It was different starting at 10 p.m., but I thought our energy was pretty good overall," Gilson said.

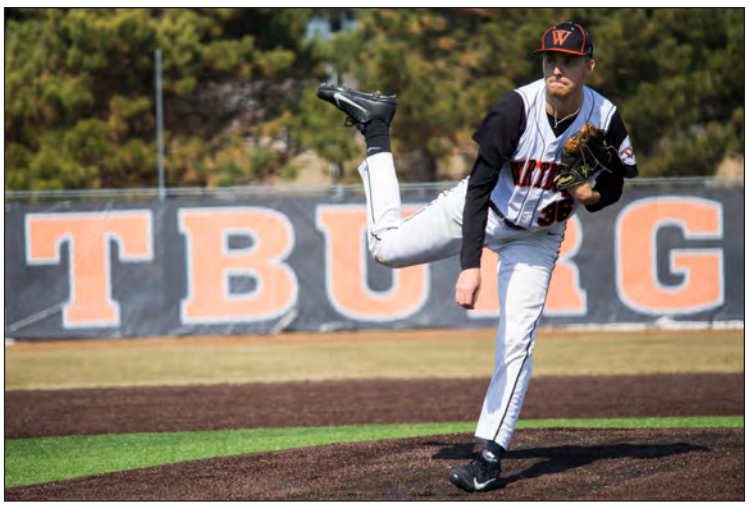
Doty said it is different to start games at 10 p.m. and midnight when they are used to starting in the afternoon.

Even though it was different to start late at night, the baseball team enjoyed being able to play in an atmosphere they are not used to playing in.

"It was really cool to see the new Vikings stadium, and anytime we can get games in during early March with all the snow we've had it's great," Gavin Nadermann said.

The team is currently 7-7 against some tough teams. They have played competitive non-conference teams.

"We played a really solid St. Thomas team, and battled all night to get the split. We are definitely taking the right steps to hit our stride as the conference season gets closer," Nadermann said.




Max Langheinrich and fellow pitcher Taylor Gilson contributed to the solid defense against St. Thomas. —**Rochelle Beardsley**/*TRUMPET*

"The game I pitched I have to give credit to the offense. They came out and got on the board early and it's a lot easier to pitch with an early lead."

"I felt confident when we were up a couple runs early knowing that our offense could tack on a few more next inning," Gilson said. Doty thinks the players are on the right path.

It will take time to get into the routine they need to be in.

"Our guys have battled through some rough times with not finding the key hit in the moment."

"In game two against St. Thomas we had more hits. Hopefully we'll carry everything into conference play and any chance we get after that," Doty said.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Thursday - March 23**
WLAX vs. Elmhurst, 4 p.m.

**Saturday - March 25**
MTEN vs. Edgewood, 9 a.m.
SB vs. Coe, 10 a.m.
WLAX vs. Illinois, 1 p.m.
MTEN vs. Grandview, 2 p.m.
SB vs. Webster, 4:45 p.m.

# Women's golf takes first against Arizona

The Wartburg women's golf team and Brooke Klostermann won the dual against Arizona Christian last Thursday on its spring break trip.

The match was held at the Moon Valley Country Club.

Klostermann took first place with a 76.

Rochelle Beardsley followed in second with 80, and Bailee Walace in fifth with 87.

The golf team will compete again at Loras on April 8.

# Lacrosse falls in weekend games

Allie Stahmer scored two goals in Wartburg's 17-3 loss to Concordia Wisconsin last Saturday to open the conference portion of its schedule. Sophia Corpstein had the other goal for the Knights.

Lacrosse ended the week with a record of 1-3 after a loss (5-6) against Beloit. Stahmer and Sierra Lovato each had two goals.

# Women's Basketball Awards

Katie Sommer has been named a second-team All-American by d3hoops.com.

Sommer and teammate Miranda Murphy were also named WBCA honorable mention All-Americans.

Katie Sommer

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association made the announcement last week.

The team ended their season with a record of 25-3. They ended their season with a loss against UCW.

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